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St. Louis March 17th 1807

Dr Sir

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 16th inst, and beg leave to observe, that I know of no Law or regulation for the distribution of provisions to Indians at the Cantonment at Belle fontaine. except under particular circumstances; I know of no orders for the giving of Provisions to Indians who may be disposed to trade with any of the factors of the U.S. If the factor thinks proper to do it, it ought to be on his own responsibility — If any Indians should visit the Cantonment who have business with the Government, they ought as soon as possible to be sent to this place, and in that case if they stand in need of a little assistance your own discretion is the only guide that can govern ~~[illegible]~~ — as to the quantity —

Jos. Browne

& Mrs Wescott join in best Respects to Mrs &
Miss Hunter with your very obedient
& most Hble Servants
Joseph Browne

Col. Thos Hunter

J. C. Morrison's Letter
to Col Brown 4th March
1807